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17/10/52
SUBJECT: Latch

29 October 1952

TO: Chief of Station
Vienna, Austria

Attn: []

REFERENCE

1. Attached is a copy of the latest report on "Latch", Father van Gorden's paper.
2. Have you been able to learn what is to be our future course of action? Shall I continue to transmit the funds to van Gorden, 1000 AB monthly, as initiated at []'s request?
3. It seems to me that this is an opportune time for action, if any, on our part.

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Attachment: CIC Report No. 8-15166,
dated 13 October 1952

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AGENT REPORTATION

1. NAME OF SUBJECT OR TITLE OF INCIDENT LUTCH - Russian Language Newspaper Published in Salzburg	2. DATE SUBMITTED 13 October 1952
3. OFFICIAL SYMBOL OR FILE NO. CIC Salzburg Ref. No. S-15166 JMW/hgb	
4. REPORT OF PROBLEMS On 8 October [REDACTED] informant 3825-T, editor of LUTCH (Beam), was interviewed in the English language and the following information was obtained:	5. ACTION INFO IS CIC IC OPNS RECORDS FILE
<p>The newspaper, <u>LUTCH</u>, is in serious financial difficulty, the paper being entirely without funds. The position of <u>LUTCH</u> is so grave that Source stated that he was forced to print appeals for contributions from subscribers in recent editions of <u>LUTCH</u>. He directed these appeals mainly to delinquent subscribers, persons who have defaulted in their financial obligations to the paper. Source stated that unless some of this money is collected, the paper cannot continue. To further complicate the financial difficulties of <u>LUTCH</u>, the paper's mimeograph machine recently broke, forcing Source to borrow 5,000 Schilling for the purchase of a new machine. Source borrowed this money from the following organizations: National Catholic Welfare Conference (NCWC), 3,000 Schilling; Catholic Diocese of Salzburg, 2,000 Schilling. This loan now represents his personal obligation.</p> <p>Father Fabian Flynn, the new Director of NCWC in the Salzburg area, contacted Source on 6 October 1952 and instructed him to go to Innsbruck, Austria, to visit Mr. George Warren, a Presidential Escapee Program (PEP) employee, in order to obtain financial aid for <u>LUTCH</u>. On 7 October 1952 Source journeyed to Innsbruck to see Mr. Warren at his office at the American Consulate, where he was informed that Warren was absent from work. Following this, Source consulted Mr. (fmu) Kelly, an NCWC employee who acts as liaison officer with PEP, and was told that any financial grant to <u>LUTCH</u> would depend on Mr. Warren's decision. Mr. Kelly stated that any PEP grant to <u>LUTCH</u> would be a substantial one, and that Source could help his own cause if he would hereafter print <u>LUTCH</u> in the Hungarian and Czech languages as well as the Russian language. Kelly insisted that Source need only print news objectively in these languages; he did not demand propaganda efforts.</p>	
6. TYPED NAME AND ORGANIZATION OF SPECIAL AGENT John J. McNease, Jr. /A/C/C 436th CIC Sub-Sett "A" (Salzburg)	7. SIGNATURE OF SPECIAL AGENT John J. McNease, Jr.

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Source was reluctant to make LUTCH anything but a Russian-language paper, stating that he had no conception of Czech and Hungarian affairs and that he was hesitant about buying Hungarian and Czech language typewriters and hiring translators in these languages, because of the present financial condition of the paper. Source's interview with Kelly was concluded with Kelly advising Source to prepare a prospectus of LUTCH for submission to Warren, to include a statement of the aims of the paper, its capabilities, its present influence in Salzburg, and its estimated expenses during the next six months.

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2. REPORT OF FINDINGS

On 8 October 1952 the files of 430th CIC, Sub-Detachment "A", were examined and disclosed the following:

LUTCH is variously described as an anti-Communist publication and as an organ of the NTS (Nazionali Trudovoy Soyuz - National Labor Union).

The National Catholic Welfare Conference (NCWC) is listed as a voluntary agency accredited to USCOA.

PPR is listed as a new refugee organization operating in the Salzburg area.

Father Fabian Flynn, SJ, possibly identical to the Father Fabian Flynn mentioned in this report, is listed as an informant concerning 100 kilograms of uranium blocks of one kilogram each in a vault in a Swiss bank and as a person who was contacted in Vienna at the Hotel Astoria by Josef KERKAY, Jesuit emissary to Rome.

William Cody Kelly, possibly identical to the (fmu) Kelly mentioned in this report, born 1 March 1922 in Cincinnati, Ohio, is listed as a US citizen.

George Lewis Warren, Jr., possibly identical to the George Warren mentioned in this report, born 7 May 1923 in Boston, Massachusetts, address: Hotel Goldener Hirsch, Salzburg, is listed as the Subject of a background investigation.

3. TYPED NAME AND ORGANIZATION OF SPECIAL AGENT: S/A CIC

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